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Chairman Laurie Thom
Yerington Paiute Tribe

Dear Chairman Thom:

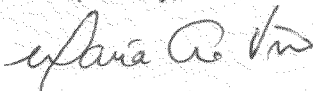
We are reaching out to you because Atlantic Richfield would like to schedule a meeting with you and other interested members of your tribal council. We would like an introductory meeting with you and the President of Atlantic Richfield Company and other members of our team so that we can discuss the proposed NPL deferral with you and our proposed plan to remediate the site under NDEP oversight.

We understand that you have already had a meeting or two with EPA, NDEP, and BLM to discuss the deferral process and wanted to offer a meeting as well to answer any remaining unanswered questions you may have. We appreciate the tribe's interest in progress at the Yerington Mine Site and your long involvement in the CERCLA process there. We want to continue that dialog into a potential new approach for completing the CERCLA process at the site and look forward to beginning the actual remediation of the site in the near future.

We are also planning to meet the Walker River Paiute Tribe for similar discussions and they have indicated availability the week of May 8th. We would appreciate it if you could accommodate a meeting that week as well. If not, please let us know what other dates work for you and your council members

Thank you very much in advance and I look forward to meeting you.

Respectfully,



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